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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 2, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Please delete claims 5, 6, 8, and 12 to 19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace the pending claims with the claims with the same numbers set out below under the heading "Clean Copy of the Claims."